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SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE DEMARCHE REQUEST: OAS RESOLUTION ON
VENEZUELA

REF: (A)STATE 71650, (B)STATE 70877

1. (U) This is an action request for all addressees
except Havana and Caracas.

2. (U) Background. At a meeting that
lasted well into the night of 4/17, OAS
member states negotiated an initial draft
resolution on Venezuela to be approved by
the special General Assembly scheduled to
open at 16:00 hrs today, Thursday April 18,
at OAS headquarters. Some delegations
will be headed by foreign ministers, others
at the vice-ministerial or lower level.
The meeting will open with a report by OAS
Secretary General Gaviria of his April 14-
17 fact-finding mission to Venezuela in the

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company of Salvadoran Permrep (and Permanent Council Chair) Margarita Escobar and Caricom coordinator, Belize permrep Lisa Shoman. (See reftels). Following SG Gaviria's presentation, member states will have an opportunity to react to the report and to approve a resolution on Venezuela. It is unlikely consensus will be reached on the text of this resolution before Gaviria's report and further negotiations on the text will probably take place on the margins of the General Assembly itself.

3. (C) The first, incomplete draft text of the resolution produced last night needs to be strengthened. It was clear that many delegations, particularly CARICOM missions, were unaware of SG Gaviria's strong statements on the Venezuelan situation in his April 17 press conference.

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4. (U) ACTION REQUEST: Posts are asked to immediately contact the highest level appropriate in host government to make the following points:

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6. (U) Posts are asked to report any reactions from host governments to USOAS Peter DeShazo, Carol Fuller, Bruce Friedman and to WHA/AND Brian Naranjo as well as to appropriate regional desks ASAP. Many thanks.

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